

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Previously Amended) A ventilator comprising:
an inspiratory unit;
an expiratory valve;
a control unit for controlling said inspiratory unit and said expiratory valve to regulate a flow of breathing gas by generating a recruitment phase with an elevated basic pressure for said breathing gas, with a plurality of breaths superimposed on said elevated basic pressure and an increased breathing rate with no withdrawal of said breathing gas.
2. (Original) A ventilator as claimed in claim 1 wherein said control unit controls said inspiratory unit and said expiratory valve to produce said elevated basic pressure in a range from 10 to 80 cmH₂O.
3. (Original) A ventilator as claimed in claim 1 wherein said control unit controls said inspiratory unit and said expiratory valve to generate said superimposed breaths at a pressure in a range from 1 to 10 cmH₂O.
4. (Original) A ventilator as claimed in claim 1 wherein said control unit controls said inspiratory unit and said expiratory valve to generate said increased breathing rate in a range from 50 to 200 breaths/minute.

5. (Original) A ventilator as claimed in claim 1 wherein said control unit controls said inspiratory unit and said expiratory valve to set said increased breathing rate as a percentage of a predetermined normal breathing rate.

6. (Original) A ventilator as claimed in claim 5 wherein said control unit sets said percentage to a percentage in a range between 110 % and 1000%.

7. (Original) A ventilator as claimed in claim 1 wherein said control unit controls said inspiratory unit and said expiratory valve to generate said recruitment phase for a duration in a range between 100 to 100 seconds.

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